GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

Public Services - Krishna District - Sri K.Suresh Babu, the then Tahsildar, Devipatnam Mandal, E.G.District (Retired) - Committed Certain irregularities by making changes in Webland portal intentionally without following due procedure - Departmental proceedings under rule 20 of A.P.C.S. (CC & A) Rules, 1991 - Articles of charges – Issued.

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REVENUE (VIGILANCE.III) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 655 **Dated: 19-08-2020**

Read the following:-

1. From the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.VS.II(2)/839/2017-1, dated: 28-03-2018.
2. G.O.Ms.No.219, Revenue (Vig.III) Department, Dt:19.08.2020

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ORDER:

It is proposed to hold an enquiry against Sri K.Suresh Babu, the then Tahsildar, Devipatnam Mandal, E.G.District (Retired) in accordance with the procedure laid down in Rule 20 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Classification, Control and Appeal) Rules, 1991.

2. The substance of the imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in respect of which the enquiry is proposed to be held is set out in the enclosed statement of Articles of charges (Annexure—I). A statement of imputations of misconduct or misbehavior in support of each article of charge is enclosed (Annexure-II). A list of documents by which, and a list of witnesses by whom, the articles of charges are proposed to be sustained are also enclosed (Annexure – III & IV).

3. Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) is directed to submit, within 10 days of the receipt of this order, a written statement of his defense.

4. Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) is informed that an enquiry will be held only in respect of those articles of charges as are not admitted. He should therefore, specifically admit or deny each article of charge.

5. Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) is further informed that if he does not submit his written statement of defense on or before the date specified in Para—3 above, further action will be processed based on the material available.

6. Attention of Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) is invited to Rule 24 of A.P.C.S (Conduct) Rules 1964, under which no Government servant shall bring or attempt to bring any political or outside influence to bear upon any superior authority to further his interests in respect of matters pertaining to his service under the Government. If any representation is received on his behalf from another person in respect of any matter dealt with in these proceedings it will be presumed that Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) is aware of such a representation and that it has been made at his instance and action will be taken against him for violation of Rule 24 of the Andhra Pradesh Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

V.USHARANI
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT

To

Sri K.Suresh Babu, the then Tahsildar, Devipatnam Mandal, E.G.District (Retired)
through the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.

Copy to:

The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada.
The Collector & District Magistrate, E.G.District
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ANNEXURE - I

STATEMENT OF ARTICLES OF CHARGE FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SURESH BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, DEVIPATNAM MANDAL, E.G.DISTRICT (RETIRED).

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Article of Charge -I:

That Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired), Devipatnam has made abnormally high number i.e., 1355 corrections/ changes particularly in the month of August, 2017 in a private place without conducting any enquiry or records, thus prima face criminal intention is clearly established in this case. Out of 1355 cases, 1285 cases are identified as not genuine and the remaining 70 cases are relating to the extents converted from Hectares to Acres are found genuine. The Tahsildar without verifying the records and without issuing Form-8 Notices to all persons whose names are entered in record of rights and who are interested in or affected by the amendment and to any other persons, carried out mutations/ correction in webland portal. The individual without verifying the title over the land including possession and enjoyment on ground and without following due process of law in maintenance of Land Records in Tahsildar Office, Devipatnam as per the provision of AP Land Transfer Regulation, ROR Act, Webland MIMB norms while carrying out changes in online and multiple changes were made for survey Nos.

Thus, Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired) violated the Rules prescribed under ROR Act and LTRP Act. Hence the Charg.

Article of Charge-II:

That the said Sri K.Suresh Babu while working as a Tahsildar, Devipatnam contravened the procedure laid down in carrying out corrections/changes in webland portal. As per the instructions of the CCLA, the classification changes are only dealt with the concerned Joint Collector and the mutation or correction mode should be made by the concerned Tahsildar. Out of these 1285 cases, 1197 transactions have to carry out in Mutation mode but the individual has made in correction mode which contravened the instructions of the Government and CCLA which were laid down in web land correction module.

The Tahsildar also made changes in respect of Government lands such as Inam Lands, Banzar Lands in favour of the private individuals and also made corrections for certain Survey numbers which were restored to the Government by the Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare, Rampachodavaram for which the Tahsildar ought to obtain the permission under the relevant BSO, which was not happened in this cases.

Thus, the Tahsildar violated the Rules prescribed under ROR Act and Orders of the Special Deputy Collector, Tribal Welfare and the provision has been misused by changing the mutation cases in correction mode, Hence the Charge.

Article of Charge-III:

That Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar, Devipatnam being a responsible Tahsildar, to protect Government lands as well as entire maintenance of Revenue records. Though it is a prime duty of the Tahsildar, he failed to protect Government lands and made irregular changes/corrections to such lands in web land portal with a malafide intention for doing undue favour to the private persons. Hence the charge.

Thus, Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar, Devipatnam by his above mentioned acts has exhibited lack of devotion to duty and failed to discharge his legitimate duties.

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ANNEXURE-II

STATEMENT OF IMPUTATIONS BY WHICH THE ARTICLE OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SURESH BABU, THE THEN TAHSILDAR, DEVIPATNAM MANDAL, E.G.DISTRICT (RETIRED).ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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The Chief Commissioner of Land Administration, A.P., Vijayawada vide Ref. CCLA's Ref.No.VS.II (2)/839/2017, dt.19.06.2018 has stated that the Government vide Memo.No.REV-18023/20/2018-VIG.III-REV, dt:27.05.2018 of the Revenue (Vigilance.III.2) Department decided to initiate disciplinary action against Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retd.) and also observed that prima-facie of criminal intention is clearly established in this case as per the report of the Sub Collector, Rampachodavaram dated 05.12.2017. The Government have requested to examine and file Criminal case against the individual, including other officials or non-officials if any, involved in the case and also to take action to restore the names of rightful owners and also for cancellation of the corrections made by Retired Tahsildar and also requested to furnish the draft Article of Charges, imputations, list of documents etc., against Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retd.) to the Government for taking further necessary action in the matter.

Thus, Sri K.Suresh Babu, Tahsildar (Retired), Devipatnam violated the Rules prescribed under ROR Act and LTRP Act and has been misused by changing the mutation cases in correction mode with a malafide intention.

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ANNEXURE – III

LIST OF DOCUMENTS BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SURESH BABU, TAHSILDAR (RETIRED), DEVIPATNAM MANDAL IS PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

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Ref: 1) Ref .E/174/2017, dt.12.09.2017 & 24.02.2018 of the Sub Collector, Rampachodavaram.
2) G.O.Ms.No.274, Revenue (Vigilance.III) Department, dt.25.05.2018.
3) Govt.Memo.No.REV-18023/20/2018-VIG.III.REV, dt.27.05.2018 of the Revenue (Vigilance.III.2) Department.
4) CCLA's Ref.No.VS.II(2)/839/2017, dt.19.06.2018.

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ANNEXURE - IV

LIST OF WITNESSES BY WHICH THE ARTICLES OF CHARGES FRAMED AGAINST SRI K.SURESH BABU, TAHSILDAR DEVIPATNAM MANDAL, E.G.DISTRICT (RETIRED), ARE PROPOSED TO BE SUSTAINED.

--NIL--

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